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1. Since the spring of 1951, all units in the Bulgarian Armed Forces have been preparing new mobilization lists. The lists will include all physically fit males from 18 to 50 years of age, as well as some women with special skills such as physicians, nurses, drivers, et cetera.
  2. In the compilation of the mobilization lists, a new method was employed which takes into consideration the political affiliations of each potential draftee, as well as his trade. At least fifty percent of those men entering combat units must be trusted Communist elements, while in the support units the percentage is considerably lower.
  3. Military district offices are collecting data on the political affiliations of the draftees from the municipal committees, which information must be confirmed by the Communist section of the committee in question.
  4. Even where there is a lack of qualified personnel, the practice is to enroll trusted Communists, and to train them gradually to qualify for their duties.
  5. Instructions for the new mobilization system were prepared by the Bulgarian Ministry of National Defense in close collaboration with Soviet advisory organs.

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